

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

July 19, 2001
10:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., Secretary
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mr. John C. Austin
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer
Mr. Scott Jenkins, representing Governor John Engler, ex officio

Absent: Mrs. Sharon A. Wise

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. AGENDA MATERIALS

- A. Report of the Superintendent - 2000-2001 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program

III. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Memorandum dated July 19, 2001, from Mr. Watkins to the Board regarding Information on Changes in GED Testing Program
- B. Memorandum dated July 19, 2001, from Mr. Watkins to the Board regarding Information on the Special Education Advisory Committee Activities Report for 2000-2001
- C. Memorandum dated July 19, 2001, from Mr. Alexander Davlantes, Administrative Officer, to the Board regarding Update on Activities at Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and Camp T
- D. Letter dated July 17, 2001, from Mr. David Spencer, President and CEO, Michigan Virtual University, and Mr. Watkins to Representative Rick Johnson, Speaker of the House regarding A Study of a Delivery System to Meet the Curriculum Needs of Migrant Pupils in Michigan

- E. Memorandum dated July 23, 2001, from Mr. Watkins to Superintendents of Intermediate and Local School Districts, Intermediate and Local School District Directors of Special Education, and others regarding Announcement of Public Hearings and a Period of Public Comment

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Educational Legislation - added to agenda
- B. Report on Federal Legislation - added to agenda
- C. Report of the Superintendent - 2000-2001 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program - added to agenda
- D. Report on Activities of Christa McAuliffe Fellow - Teresa Ballard - removed from agenda
- E. Report of the Superintendent - Report of the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Specialty-Area Programs for Concordia College, Northern Michigan University, Siena Heights University, and Western Michigan University - removed from agenda

Mrs. Straus requested that the following items be added to the agenda:

- F. Adopt the Resolution Honoring the City of Detroit's 300th Anniversary
- G. Discussion Regarding Educational Proposals Currently Before the Legislature

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren
Absent during vote: Weiser
Absent: Wise

The motion carried.

V. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CHRONICALLY UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS

- A. Value-Added Concepts and Research Findings - Dr. William L. Sanders

Mrs. Straus introduced Dr. William L. Sanders, Manager, Value-Added Assessment and Research for SAS inSchool. Mrs. Straus said he is responsible for developing a methodology that is the cornerstone of Tennessee's accountability system as well as a database which provides a wealth of diagnostic information. She said according to Dr. Sanders' research, teacher effectiveness is the most important determinate in student progress, and is more important than socioeconomic background or ethnicity. Dr. Sanders testified that value-added assessment is based on two premises:

(1) the educational community is not responsible for solving all of society's problems; and (2) the educational community is responsible for taking each student as they are and ensuring appropriate academic progress.

During his presentation, Dr. Sanders provided: (1) baseline data showing the average, accelerated and underperforming academic growth of several cohorts of children; (2) research based statistical proof that teacher quality can be revealed by yearly testing, and makes a vital difference to the academic growth of students; (3) information on three frequently seen patterns in public education - "Shed" which indicates a greater academic growth in the school year for lower and moderate achieving students respectively than that of high achieving students, "TeePee" which indicates that a teacher prepares one lesson plan and teaches to the middle achievement level, and "Reverse Shed" which is most frequently seen in suburban public schools where high achieving students make more progress in the school year, than moderate or low achieving students. Dr. Sanders also provided information on the pros and cons of each pattern; (4) measurable variability; and (5) the cumulative effect (positive and negative) of teachers on student achievement.

Dr. Sanders also testified that: (1) there should be a focus on the outstanding job some teachers are doing so they may be emulated; (2) shrinking the variability of teacher quality will make a dramatic difference in student achievement; and (3) a comparison of teacher effectiveness versus years of service reveals that on average teachers improve their effectiveness quite steadily from about year 1 to year 10 or 12, then a drop is noted.

Dr. Sanders also testified that: (1) many states are setting higher and higher stakes and standards for children, sometimes with punitive consequences which may include not being advanced to the next grade; (2) the question of "what are we holding children accountable for" must be asked; and (3) there is evidence that the sequence of teachers affects student achievement more than any other factor, which indicates the need for shrinking the variability in teacher effectiveness.

There was extensive discussion regarding: (1) what makes a teacher effective or ineffective; (2) the principal's or team leader's role in guiding teacher effectiveness; (3) the link between teacher preparation and the classroom; and (4) a North Carolina study regarding national board certification.

Dr. Sanders said further information is available through his website at www.sasinschool.com.

No action was taken this item.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, Administrative Secretary to the State Board of Education, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting.

VIII. MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 12, 2001

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education approve the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2001.

Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Straus, Warren
Absent during vote: Moyer, Weiser
Absent: Wise

The motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Ms. Lizbeth J. Stevens, Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 1922 Edgewood Blvd., Berkley, Michigan 48072. Ms. Stevens offered comments and a memorandum dated July 19, 2001, from the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association to the State Board of Education regarding Senate Bill 501 of 2000 which eliminates the teacher certification requirement for speech pathologists serving children in schools.
- B. Ms. Mary Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments on charter school building approval for occupancy.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Discussion Regarding State Board of Education Task Forces

Mrs. Straus said that at its June 12, 2001, meeting that the Board established five task forces charged with developing strategies to implement the Board's overarching goal of raising student achievement in chronically underperforming schools. She said the task forces have begun: (1) mapping out their plans; (2) establishing memberships; (3) determining what is happening in their fields; (4) utilizing the information received from Dr. Gary Sykes, Professor of Teacher Education and Educational Administration, Michigan State University; Mr. Kevin Hollenbeck, Senior Economist and Publications Director, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research; Dr. Larry Lazotte, Executive Director, Effective Schools Products, Ltd.; Ms. Kati Haycock, Director, The Education Trust; and Dr. William Sanders, Manager, Value-Added Assessment and Research; and (5) how to build on the policies already adopted by the Board. She said the Michigan Milken Educator Network and the Michigan Teachers of the Year may also be valuable resources of experience and wisdom for the task forces. Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Support Services, provided information regarding Dr. Paula Serra, Vice President,

IDEA Consultants, Inc., who has developed a notebook of data on the Michigan School Improvement Plan. She said this notebook includes information pertaining to Goals 2000, the federal funding source for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and a survey of 35 school districts, and 20 public school academies conducted by Dr. Serra. Ms. Wolenberg said the data could be broken down and utilized by the task forces. She said Dr. Serra has indicated a willingness to either address the entire Board at one of its meetings, or with each individual task force.

No action was taken on this item.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES ON BULLYING

Mr. Watkins said it is imperative that students and teachers feel safe in the school environment, and the Board took a pro-active stance at its June 12, 2001, meeting in directing staff to develop a policy on bullying.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Gire, that the State Board of Education adopt the Policies on Bullying as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 16, 2001.

In response to Mrs. McGuire's concern that a specific deadline was not indicated, Mr. Watkins said a suggested time frame could be outlined, however, the intention of this policy is to serve as a model for school districts.

Mr. Warren said he agreed with Mrs. McGuire in the practical sense, but he believes a policy is timeless. He suggested that the Superintendent of Public Instruction request a response within a certain time frame in his transmittal to the school districts, but not change the policy itself.

Dr. Moyer said hazing has become a problem in many schools and universities throughout Michigan and the United States, and therefore, he suggested that it be included in the Policy on Bullying.

Mrs. Straus said the Office of Safe Schools is in the process of establishing a model code of conduct which will be posted on the Department's web site. She said she feels this will invite comment, reaction, and suggestions from school districts and the public, and may result in changes to the policy in the future.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser
Absent: Wise

The motion carried.

The policy is attached as Exhibit A.

XII. PRESENTATION BY MILKEN EDUCATORS

Ms. Jean Shane, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, introduced Mr. David Borth, 1995 Milken Educator Award Winner, and Principal and Director of Grants and Projects, Big Rapids Public Schools. Mr. Borth said the Michigan Milken Educator Network (MMEN) represents 63 educators who have been recognized by the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award Program. He said success and continued interest of the MMEN requires the dedication of the educators, the Milken Family Foundation, and the Department of Education. He said Ms. Shane, and Ms. Janet Steele, Milken Family Foundation have been instrumental in making the MMEN work.

Mr. Borth said the MMEN is a single issue group in that they want better quality for public education in Michigan.

The following Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award winners were present at the meeting:

- Ms. Phyllis Adkins, Cory Elementary School, Romulus Community Schools
- Ms. Kathy Anderson, Lafayette Elementary School, Lincoln Park Public Schools
- Ms. Yvonne Caamal-Canul, Lansing School District
- Mr. Randall Cook, Frost Elementary School, Jackson Public Schools
- Ms. Brenda Crane, Tyrone Elementary School, Harper Woods School District
- Mr. Thomas Dolan, Romulus Community Schools
- Ms. Mary Grunert, Constantine High School, Constantine Schools
- Mr. Timothy Hammar, Bobcean Elementary School, Flat Rock Community Schools
- Ms. Julie Helber, Paddock Elementary School, Milan Area Schools
- Ms. Marianne Houston, Retired
- Mr. Gerald LeCureux, Dondero High School, Royal Oak Public Schools
- Mr. Frank Miracola, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Ms. Michele Sherrill-Mix, Retired
- Ms. Kathy Tricomo, Millside Elementary School, Algonac Community Schools
- Ms. Deb Woodman, Retired

Mr. Borth said the MMEN would be pleased to offer its assistance and knowledge to the Board and the task forces.

XIII. REPORT ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR JULY 2001

Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law Office, provided information to the Board regarding the Health Care Financing Administration's consideration of Michigan's school based services. She said issues being addressed involve approximately \$250 million owed to intermediate and local school districts for services provided to students with health related issues. She said Mr. Tommy Thompson, Secretary, Health and Human Services, has been in contact with Ms. Mary Lannoye, Department of Management and Budget, and Mr. Paul Reinhart, Family Independence Agency, who are trying to arrive at an agreement which satisfies both the federal and state governments.

Mr. Watkins commended Governor Engler and the legislative delegation for their efforts in working with the intermediate and local school districts to resolve the situation. He said it is a clear example that working together will benefit not only the state, but the children of Michigan as well.

Ms. Stanley said it is hopeful that future legislation will cement the tie between the Medicaid/Medicare programs and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) statute so that this difficulty will not be repeated. She said guidelines must be developed regarding the use of the funds school districts will receive.

Ms. Stanley also provided information on the following, as listed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 16, 2001:

- Congress Poised to Begin Conference on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
- Bush Budget Favors Education with 5.9% Increase
- 15 Michigan Elementary Schools Tapped for National Blue Ribbon

No action was taken on this item.

XIV. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

Ms. Kate McAuliffe, Assistant Superintendent, provided information and responded to questions from the Board on the following:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
SB 143	Property Transfers: Allows appeal directly to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
SB 614	Public Education Plates: Creates a "support public education" specialty license plate

In response to Mrs. McGuire, Mr. Watkins said it is estimated that proceeds from the sale of the specialty plates would be a few hundred thousand dollars. He said those monies could be given back to the local school districts in the form of mini grants for teachers, but the final determination has not been made.

Mr. Warren said the bill currently states that the monies will be added to the State Aid Fund.

HB 4760	Educational Flexibility and Empowerment
HB 4761	Contract: Allows the State Superintendent to waive state statutes and rules upon request.

Mr. Watkins said he is generally in support of the Ed Flex Bill, and suggests to local and intermediate school districts that if there is a rule or law which impedes effective teaching, the Board and the Department should be raising the issue whether there is an Ed Flex Bill or not.

Mr. Warren said he also supports this idea in general, but he understands from a conversation with Representative Wayne Kuipers, that a substitute bill is being produced that would address the teacher certification issue. He said Representative Kuipers indicated that the substitute bill will receive more support in the House.

HB 4800 Charter Schools: Increases the cap on university authorized public school academies and amends provisions governing academies

Mr. Watkins suggested that the Board contract with Dr. Michael Addonizio to conduct a thorough review of the charter school bill, and that the Board work with Dr. Addonizio in formulating conversations on this issue.

Mrs. McGuire moved that the State Board of Education oppose House Bill 4800. There was no support for the motion.

Mrs. McGuire expressed concern regarding the section of the bill giving priority to enrollment in that it eliminates the lottery system.

Mr. Watkins suggested that the Board postpone any recommendation of support or nonsupport on this bill until an analysis can be provided to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

HB 4990 Special Education Board: Increases the number of members on the Special Education Advisory Committee

Mrs. Straus asked for an update on the amendment to the SAA offered in the Senate which would require federal grants to be approved by the director of the Department of Management and Budget (DMB).

Mr. Watkins said that amendment was added on the last day of the legislative session. He said he was not informed prior to its addition. He said the Department will cooperate and communicate with DMB in any way it can, but it is important not to jeopardize the children of Michigan by losing federal funds because a document is delayed by DMB.

XV. DISCUSSION REGARDING EDUCATIONAL PROPOSALS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

Mr. Austin said many educational issues have surfaced since the Legislature went on its summer break. He said the Board has chosen to focus on improving achievement for chronically underperforming schools, and therefore it must help Michigan develop strategies, determine funding, and establish programs to achieve that goal. He said that will entail the Board offering its recommendations and guidance to the Legislature, public, administration, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education ask the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Department staff to analyze the general and relative impact on chronically underperforming schools, and work with the Board leadership team to develop a set of proposed recommendations for timely Board action, regarding the following issues: (1) the across the board expenditure reduction of state school funding relative

to the proposed targeted budget cuts in summer school, reading and related programs; (2) the “Ed-Flex” proposal; and (3) the Senate priority school legislation to be taken up by the House.

There was extensive discussion regarding: (1) the Governor’s recommended across the board reduction in proposed increases; (2) the impact those reduced increases will have on education in Michigan; (3) the Legislature’s proposed target agreement; and (4) the Board’s role and strategic goal in developing policy proposals.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser
Absent: Wise

The motion carried.

XVI. **ADOPT THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE CITY OF DETROIT’S 300TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mrs. Straus said the City of Detroit is observing its tricentennial this year, and because Detroit Public Schools have had a major impact on the city she feels the Board should pass a resolution honoring the event.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring the City of Detroit as it celebrates its 300th birthday as well as the involvement of Detroit Public Schools in the development of the city.

Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser
Absent: Wise

The motion carried.

The resolution is attached as Exhibit B.

XVII. **REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR - MS. JOAN GARRETSON**

Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Administrator, Organizational Development, introduced Ms. Joan Garretson, 2001 Michigan Teacher of the Year, and Special Education Teacher, Pleasant Lake Elementary, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

Ms. Garretson provided information and a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions from the Board regarding her experiences over the past year. She said she appreciates the fact that Michigan has a much more pro-active Teacher of the Year program than many states, and she has grown through this opportunity. She said her focus this year has been primarily to encourage and inspire students to consider teaching as a profession. Ms. Garretson suggested that future Teachers of the Year become a more integral part of the Board meetings.

No action was taken on this item.

XVIII. REPORT ON CONSENT AGENDA

- G. Appointment of Members to State Board of Education Teacher Preparation/Certification Advisory Group
- H. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Carol B. Breen

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- G. (1) appoint to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers Melissa Clapper, Vivian Davis, Carole Turner, William Bell, Rosa Johnson, Lois Coniver, and Barbara Stork for four-year terms ending June 30, 2005; and (2) reappoint to the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers JoAnn Snyder for a four-year term ending June 30, 2005, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 2, 2001;**
 - H. adopt the resolution honoring Carol B. Breen, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 2, 2001.**
- Ayes: Austin, Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser**
Absent: Wise

The motion carried.

The resolution is attached as Exhibit C.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- I. Human Resources Report
- J. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- K. Report on Approval of New or Revised Teacher Education Programs
- L. Report on 2001-2004 Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- M. Report of the Periodic Review/Program Evaluation Specialty-Area Programs for Concordia College, Northern Michigan University, Siena Heights University, and Western Michigan University - removed from agenda
- N. Title VI - Innovative Education Program Strategies; Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs; Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children; Title I, Part D - Prevention and Intervention for Neglected or Delinquent Children; Title II, Part B - Eisenhower Professional Development; Class Size Reduction Program
- O. 2001-02 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program - Amendment
- P. 2000-2001 Innovative Curriculum Development (ICD) Grant Program

- Q. 2000-2001 Eisenhower Professional Development Program
- R. 2000-2001 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding FY 2001
- S. 2000-2001 Innovative Program Demonstration Grants (IPDG)
- T. 2001-2002 - Eisenhower Professional Development Program Statewide Project
- U. 2000-2001 Application for State Aid Tuition Grant Program for School Guidance Counselors
- V. 2001-2002 State Competitive Projects, Part C - Evaluation; Family Information Exchange; Information and Performance Reporting; Parent Leadership Program; Public Awareness, Information, and Referral
- W. 2001-2002 State Discretionary Projects, Part B - Assistive Technology Materials and Resources; Comprehensive Parent Services System; Dispute Resolution Project; Technical Assistance for Collaborative Transition Services; Very Special Arts
- X. 2001-2002 State Discretionary Projects, Part B - Alternative Assessment; Center for Educational Networking; Compliance Information System; Compliance Monitoring, Continuous Improvement, and Quality Assurance; Interpreter Evaluation Project; Personnel Development Grant; State Improvement Plan Activities; SIP/SIG Initiative; Special Needs Program at the Michigan School for the Blind
- Y. Personnel Development Grants for Serving Students with Autism - 2000-2001 - Amendment
- BB. 2000-2001 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program

Mr. Watkins provided an oral report on the following:

- A. Dr. William Bushaw

Mr. Watkins said Dr. Bushaw has been with the Department for approximately one month as Chief Academic Officer, and has been a valuable asset. He said Dr. Bushaw is moving forward on accreditation, has listened to the Board, collected information received from the accreditation meeting held on June 18, 2001, and is developing a list serve so constituencies may provide further input. He said an update will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

- B. Special Education

Mr. Watkins said two additional special education hearings have been scheduled, which goes above and beyond the court order. He said those hearings are scheduled for Midland, and Battle Creek, and he commends Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, and her staff for their dedication and efforts.

C. Literacy and Early Childhood Conference

Mr. Watkins said Mrs. Straus and he have asked Mrs. Wise to represent the Board and the Department at the White House during the Literacy and Early Childhood Conference later this month. He said he is sure Mrs. Wise will provide information on that event at a future Board meeting.

D. Educational Activities

Mr. Watkins said he has been very active in visiting many schools and school districts throughout the state. He said as stated in the "30 Ideas in 30 Days," he would like to bring the various constituency groups together, and Mr. Warren conducted a meeting of advocates of pro-market, voucher, and public school academy people which resulted in a healthy dialogue.

Mr. Watkins said he attended the Michigan Federation of Teachers Quest Conference and spent much time listening to teachers. He said Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, Administrative Secretary to the Board, and he are in the process of sending out letters to each of the gubernatorial candidates offering the resources of the Department of Education and brief them about current policy issues. He said he will keep the Board informed so they may participate as they wish.

E. Dr. Michael R. Williamson

Mr. Watkins said Dr. Michael R. Williamson, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services, has tendered his resignation, and will be leaving the Department in the near future. He said Dr. Williamson has been a valuable asset, and on behalf of the Board thanked him for his years of service to the Board, the Department, and to the State of Michigan. A number of Board members also expressed their regret of his departure and gratitude for his years of service on behalf of public school children.

XX. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards or recognitions presented at the Board meeting.

XXI. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTA MCAULIFFE FELLOW - TERESA BALLARD

This item was removed from the agenda.

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Report of the Superintendent - 2000-2001 Innovative Curriculum Development (ICD) Grant Program - Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire

Mrs. McGuire expressed concern that some school buildings were awarded the same or more money than some school districts.

Mr. Watkins pointed out that some school buildings in Michigan have a larger full time enrollment than a small school district, and that the categorical funding helps in determining how the monies are distributed.

Dr. Williamson said even though he would have to review the document, many times grants are given on a project by project basis.

Mr. Watkins said these are also competitive grants which may entail multiple judges, scoring, and blind judging. He said staff will review the process and report to the Board on how determinations are made.

- B. 2000-2002 Innovative Program Demonstration Grants (IPDG); and 2000-2001 Application for State Aid Tuition Grant Program for School Guidance Counselors - Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr.

Mr. Warren said he wished to ascertain that the Board's policies are being reflected on items S and U because they are both related to school safety.

Mr. Watkins suggested that the item approval form be modified to reflect which Board policy it adheres to and how it is related.

- C. House Bills 4617 and 4619 - Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus expressed concern regarding House Bills 4617 and 4619 regarding child care. She said there are pros and cons to removing a school's responsibility to regulate these programs, however, children should be protected in certain situations, not just in school. She requested that staff analyze these bills, and provide the information to the Board at its next meeting.

- D. Lion's Club International - Dr. Herbert S. Moyer

Dr. Moyer said Lion's Club International has established a program called QUEST which has been endorsed by the Michigan Lion's Club. He said this program focuses mainly on the junior high or middle school level and deals with teaching civility, and conflict resolution skills in collaboration with the community.

Dr. Moyer said because of the program's association with community and parental involvement, he requested that the Lion's Club be given an opportunity to address the Board at a future meeting.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins said the Board President, Vice President, Secretary, and staff will meet in the next couple of weeks to develop the agenda for the next meeting.

XXIV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. August 23, 2001
- B. September 20, 2001
- C. October 18, 2001
- D. November 15, 2001

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael David Warren, Jr.
Secretary